

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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MOBILE AIRBORNE HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND COMMUNICATIONS

SYSTEMS AND METHODS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the March 17, 2008 Office Action, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-13, 15, 16, 18, 19 and 22 are pending in this application. This application was filed on September 10, 2003. A first Office Action was mailed on December 13, 2006. Applicants responded to the rejections enumerated in the first Office Action by substantively amending the claims in an Amendment filed on May 10, 2007. A Final Rejection was mailed on August 9, 2007 that rejected the amended claims over a new combination of applied references. The primary reference that was applied was clearly drawn to a terrestrial based rather than satellite-based system. Applicants filed a Request for Reconsideration After Final Rejection on September 14, 2007 that argued that the primary reference was improperly applied, and additionally argued why U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0192198 A1 to Montebruno et al. (hereinafter "Montebruno") was not